

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, February 9, 2015  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Richard Pedemonte, Sisi Parry-Hansen, Monty Stephens, Claudia Tamaso; Alexis Ardito, Youth Commissioner. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator. Others in attendance: Jody Timms, Marin Commissioner on Aging, Ariane Olshansky, Scott Calhoun, Holly Bragman

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The January minutes were approved.

Public Forum – Jody Timms gave an update on the Age Friendly City status. The task force which consists of 12 members met on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The World Health Organization (WHO) has given the approval for Fairfax to join the global network. Jody is working on a website, and would like to make a presentation to the Town Council in March. The next step will be to interview various groups. The committee will meet again towards the end of February.

**1. New Business**

**-Request for sponsorship of YES benefit** – Ariane Olshansky attended the meeting on behalf of the YES Foundation to make the presentation for sponsorship. The YES Foundation would like to hold a gala in the Pavilion on March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7-11 p.m. The gala is the biggest fundraiser for the YES Foundation. YES provides art, technology, and theater support to the Ross Valley School District. Projected attendance is 350-400 people, admission will range from \$75-85. Claudia suggested porta-potties be brought on-site, to accommodate that large of a group. The groups would like access to the Pavilion for 3 days, the day prior for set-up, and the day after for clean-up. Maria submitted an attached staff report, which recommended charging half of what the Town would normally charge for a private rental. This brought the building rental fee to \$675, along with the \$75 maintenance fee, for a total of \$750. The group has already paid a \$550 security deposit to the Town, since alcohol is being served. **ACTION ITEM: Richard made a motion to accept the recommended rental fee proposal, and approve the request for sponsorship of the YES benefit; all PARC Commissioners voted in favor of the recommendation and approval.**

**2. Request for sponsorship of Code for Marin workshop**- Scott Calhoun, with the Community Media Center of Marin, approached the group for sponsorship of a forum on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5 p.m. in the Women's Club. The purpose of the forum is to increase awareness of open data in Marin. The workshop will consist

of a panel discussion led by Scott, Sarah Houghton, Director of the San Rafael Public Library, and the librarian of the Tiburon-Belvedere branch. The goal of the group is to build awareness on information that the government has access to. The reason the Women's Club is being requested is because it has the capability to stream live. The event is free to the public. Estimated attendance is in the 30-50 people. In the February 9<sup>th</sup> staff report, Maria recommended that the \$75 maintenance fee be paid. **ACTION ITEM: Monty made a motion to approve the sponsorship of the Code for Marin workshop; all PARC members voted in favor.** Scott will pay the \$75 fee via credit card at Town Hall.

3. **Approval to rename parcel of land at corner of Bolinas/Frustuck & Cascade in honor of former Councilmember Larry Bragman and refurbish bench-** Holly Bragman attended the meeting to request the re-naming of the parcel of land near Doc Edgar Park after her husband, in honor of his 11 years served on the town Council. Holly will retain the service of Dean Stubbings to retrofit the bench. She would also like a plaque on-site, either on the bench, but preferably on a rock nearby. She will research the placement of the plaque. Ecofest will pay for the refurbishing of the bench. The Gardener's Alliance will clean and maintain the landscaping on-site. The project meets the criteria of PARC sponsorship- that costs are incurred by the requestor, and maintenance also be covered by the requestor. Sam suggested the site be called "Bragman's Corner". Holly liked the idea, but will wait on the official name of the spot. **Sisi made a motion to approve the renaming of the site and the upgrade of the bench; all PARC members voted in favor.**
4. **Goals for 2015-** Maria distributed the PARC goals from 2014 for review. Out of the 10 goals proposed, 7 have been met, 2 are in the process of being accomplished, and one is still being researched. The group decided to postpone the goals for 2015 until the March meeting.

### **Old Business-**

1. **Re-cap of Alice in Wonderland tea event-** The event was a huge success. A total of 82 participants attended the event, which sold out at the door. Prior to the day of the event, Maria had sold 52 tickets. There were a total of 30 walk ins. The gross income was \$1,555. Expenses were as follows: \$381 for rental equipment, and \$465 for food, bringing total expenses to \$846. Total net profit was \$709. The Marin Independent Journal sent a reporter and a photographer to cover the event, which resulted in excellent coverage. An article appeared in the newspaper the following day, along with some photos. Some other suggestions for next year: make tea stronger, use Town's amplified sound system, add raffle component, sell photographs of attendees with actors, install rod & curtain at door of kitchen to prevent attendees from entering, sell tickets at the door slighter higher (\$5) than advance ticket purchases.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next meeting set for Monday, March 9th.**